

August 4, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W. Room CY-B402
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Application of SBC, Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, WC Docket No. 03-167.

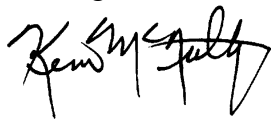
Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce to express our support for SBC's entry into Illinois's long distance market.

SBC is a solid provider of telecommunications services in Illinois and, in particular our entire suburban area. Our business community depends on services from solid providers. It enables us to do business with the confidence that key infrastructure services are in place.

We believe that SBC is a significant provider and would welcome them into the long distance market.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin McNulty", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin McNulty
President & CEO

cc: Sam Balark
Manny Hoffman